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THE NAVY'S OIL SUPPLIES.

Private Firms Unable to Meet War Demands.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 22.

In the House of Commons during the debate prior to the passing of the Navy Vote, Lord Curzon suggested that instead of building oil factories throughout the world we should get private firms to guarantee stores of oil for the Navy.

Colonel Amery replied that we had certainly arranged with private firms to supply us at Shanghai, Killindini, Calcutta, Bombay, Colombo, Singapore and elsewhere for peace purposes, but no private firm could possibly afford to keep anything like the large quantities required for strategic purposes.

Colonel Amery rejected a suggestion by Commander Bellairs that the naval base at Gibraltar should be removed elsewhere, possibly Ceuta, saying it would involve enormous cost and there were few other positions where so valuable a base could be created.

INDIA AND CHINA.

The Dawn of Better Things.

London, March 22.

In a speech at a dinner given by the Parsee Association in honour of Miss Tata, who is the first Indian woman to be called to the Bar, H.E. Mr. Chao Hsin-chu said the Indian people were conservative like the Chinese, and he congratulated the Parsees on taking a distinguished part in industrial development at what he termed the springtime of India's fortunes. He anticipated great things from the womanhood of the Middle East, for which reason he congratulated Miss Tata on her pioneering courage and ability. He pointed out that India was beginning to have consciousness of her international responsibilities. China had derived much from India, and welcomed everything except her opium. The two countries had many attachments, and he saw no signs likely to upset the continuance of their relations.

DUFF DEVELOPMENT CO.'S CASE.

Kelantan Government Loses Appeal.

London, March 22.

The House of Lords has dismissed the appeal of the Government of Kelantan against the arbitrators' award that the Government was bound to construct a railway and cart road within the Duff Development Company's concession within four years from July, 1912, but failed to do so. The Lord Chancellor suggested that it was now incumbent on the Kelantan Government and the British Colonial Office to consider carefully whether and to what extent the plea of sovereignty could justly be insisted on in order to prevent the enforcement of the award and the orders of courts for payment of costs.

GERMAN FIRMS HARD HIT.

Berlin, March 22.

The continuous steadiness of the mark is causing considerable difficulties for business firms. A well-known Berlin company dealing in precious metals has suspended payment. Its liabilities are said to be 4,500 million marks and assets 2,500 million marks. It is reported that this failure has involved other firms. The *Vossische Zeitung* reports from Hamburg the insolvency of several grain fodder, and cocoa firms. The fall in prices has caused difficulties for many other firms. Uneasiness in Hamburg is increasing, as the possibility of these firms finding support in lessening.

DR. CUNO URGES GERMAN UNITY.

Berlin, March 22.

Dr. Cuno, accompanied by the Minister of Defence, Gessler, and Minister of Post, Steege, have arrived at Munich and were welcomed by the Bavarian Premier and authorities and ovated by a crowd. Speaking in the Foreign Office, Cuno emphasised that the German policy of passive resistance to France must be continued. He later visited the Diet, and replying to an address from the president, Cuno said that the victory of the Central Government depended on the support of the Federal Parliament and the unity of the nation.

EGYPTIAN POLICE AND SOLDIERS CLASH.

Cairo, March 22.

The newspapers report a fracas in an obscure quarter of the town of Tanta between Egyptian police and soldiers of an Egyptian infantry regiment, in which thirty were wounded, mostly police, one fatally. It is supposed that the trouble arose from reprisals carried out by the soldiers for the beating at the police station of a non-com. of theirs who had been arrested by the police.

HOLLAND AND THE RHINE.

The Hague, March 22.

In the Second Chamber, replying to a Socialist relative to the difficulties of navigation of the Rhine and carrying on Dutch trade with occupied Germany, the Foreign Minister said that satisfactory results had already been attained by the Government's representations. The Government hoped the remaining difficulties would be removed.

THE REDUCTION OF SILVER IN COINS.

London, March 22.

In the House of Commons the Rt. Hon. S. Baldwin, replying to Mr. Thorne, said the saving from a reduction in the silver fineness of token silver coins depended on the amount of silver re-coined, but already amounted to several million pounds. He was not considering a return to sterling silver.

A JAPANESE COMMUNIST.

Riga, March 22.

A Japanese Communist has arrived from Moscow, where he participated in a congress of the Third International. A Customs examination of his luggage revealed a quantity of Communist literature.

CANTON AFFAIRS.

Sun Yat-sen's Movements.

SECRET MILITARY CONFERENCE.

There is much speculation as to what is happening in Canton, following the Peking appointments. Many rumours are in circulation, and general attention is now centred on the question as to what will be Dr. Sun's next step.

A correspondent informs us that an important military conference was held at Dutch Folly on the afternoon of the 21st instant. Strict precautions were taken to guard all attending, these including Dr. Sun. Absolute secrecy is preserved regarding what transpired at the gathering, at the conclusion of which Dr. Sun went aboard the cruiser Wingcheong.

It is now reported that Dr. Sun remained aboard the cruiser some hours awaiting the arrival of General Shum Hung-yung, who failed to turn up at the appointed hour. Eventually, General Shum not appearing, Dr. Sun left the cruiser and returned to the Agricultural Experimental Station.

Dr. Sun is stated to have ordered the immediate formation of Labour Corps Organisation Bureau, to which he has already appointed a number of officials. The Corps will be under the direct control of Dr. Sun.

BRITISH TRADE WITH GERMANY.

London, March 22.

Reuter understands that the position regarding British trade in unoccupied Germany is showing signs of steady improvement. Both the French and German authorities have made concessions and the Rhineland Commission has arranged for free uninterrupted passage of British coal into Germany.

LIEUT.-GENERAL KIRKPATRICK'S APPOINTMENT.

London, March 22.

Lieut.-General Sir George Kirkpatrick has been appointed G.O.C. of the Western Command in India. [Lt.-General Sir George Kirkpatrick, K.C.B., was formerly G.O.C. in Hongkong, being appointed to the post in 1920, and was succeeded by our present G.O.C., Sir John Fowler.]

ONE OF THE LEAGUE'S AIMS.

Geneva, March 22.

The second session of the League of Nations advisory committee on the suppression of traffic in women and children has opened. It deals, *inter alia*, with the proposal not to employ foreign women in any capacity in licensed houses.

STEEL PRICES GOING UP.

London, March 22.

The Scottish steelmakers announce a further increase in the price of certain steel products, including ten shillings a ton for ship-plates, which will tend to check the recent improvement in the ship-building and steel trades.

MERLIMAU APPEAL FAILS.

London, March 22.

The House of Lords has dismissed the appeal of the Merlimau Rubber Estates, Limited, against the assessment of excess profits duty on their newly-developed property.

MR. NORMAN EVADES PUBLICITY.

London, March 22.

Mr. Montagu Norman has returned unheralded from the Continent, and appeared in the chair at to-day's meeting of Bank of England directors.

ANOTHER POLISH-LITHUANIAN CONFLICT.

Kovno, March 22.

A communique asserts that a Polish force of infantry and cavalry attacked and destroyed a Lithuanian post, five Lithuanian soldiers being killed and one wounded.

FRANCS FLUCTUATE WILDLY.

London, March 22.

A feature of the exchange market is the wild movements of French and Belgian francs, which finally receded to 69.90 and 79.45.

ECHO OF ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION.

Coblence, March 22.

Twenty-seven German Nationalists have been arrested in connection with the attack on the Separatist editor Smeets.

LENIN'S SERIOUS CONDITION.

Helsingfors, March 22.

Notwithstanding the recent official bulletins, a Moscow message says that official circles consider Lenin's condition hopeless.

(Other Telegrams on Page 2.)

THE "HEISHO MARU."

Sold for \$20,000.

The Heisho Maru was sold by Mr. Barr, of Messrs. Hughes and Hough, this morning for \$20,000. Bidding commenced at \$3,000. In bids of a thousand dollars \$7,000 was soon reached. Five hundred dollar increases eventually put the price up to \$20,000, at which figure the vessel was knocked down to a representative of the Kwong Tung Mining Company, of 8, Lee Yued Street West.

The Heisho Maru, which is now lying at Yau-mat, is a wooden ship, with a length of 197 feet and a breadth of 31 feet. Her net registered tonnage is 670.13 tons, her gross tonnage is 1,400 and she has a deadweight capacity of 937.27 tons. Her speed is eight and a half knots and her consumption 11 tons.

LABOUR DICTATION.

Canton Government Gives Way.

Conditionally on the present Superintendent Li being dismissed, the telegraph operators at Canton have resumed work.

The Government has acceded to this demand and agreed to appoint as Li's successor to the post a man who shall have the approval of the employees.

THE WISEMAN SITE.

To Be Bought for One Million Dollars.

NEW COMPANY'S SCHEME.

The site formerly occupied by the Cafe Wiseman in Des Voeux Road is to be purchased by the Hongkong Realty and Trust Co., Ltd., for one million dollars from Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., and on the land is to be erected a modern seven-story building, with basement, to afford accommodation for stores, shops, a safe deposit vault and first-class offices, particularly suitable to professional people.

The new Company has already been incorporated and its subscription list will open tomorrow. Its directors will be Mr. J. Scott Harston, Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-sun, Mr. J. H. Taggart, Rev. Father Robert, Mr. A. R. Lowe, Mr. Frank M. L. Crawford, Mr. Fung Tat-hung and Mr. Peter Kingsoo Kwok. It will have a capital of two million dollars in ten-dollar shares, and of this total 100,000 shares have already been subscribed for cash by the Directors and their friends.

On these, \$2.50 per share will be paid on application and the balance when called upon the same basis as the remaining capital. In addition, the Directors will allot 30,000 shares, credited as fully paid up, to Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd. The remaining 70,000 shares will be offered for public subscription, on conditions to be announced tomorrow.

As already stated, the purchase price of the site is one million dollars. In addition to allotting to Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., 30,000 shares, the new Company will pay to them \$148,781.50 in cash, and the balance of \$551,218.50 will be met by taking over from Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., the mortgage (repayable on April 30th, 1927) for that amount now subsisting on the property in favour of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., and carrying interest at 8 per cent. per annum. Besides this, the Company will pay brokerage of one per cent. on the purchase price (amounting to \$10,000) and also indemnify Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., to the extent of \$26,394.30 in respect of the cost of certain plans and specifications prepared last year in connection with the building which the latter at that time proposed to erect on the site.

CANTON LOANS.

Money From Japan?

It is reported from Canton, states a correspondent, that the authorities are negotiating a loan of 20,000,000 dollars from Japan, with Hainan Island as security. Reports state that the terms include a provision that railways be built in the island, Japan to provide the material and to co-operate with the Chinese Government in developing forestry, mines and fisheries.

Other reported terms are that Japan will, in consideration of this loan, be given preference in future for loans aiming at the development of communications, including wireless telegraphy, as well as electric light.

STREET CHESS.

An Expert In Trouble.

In charging a man at the Police Court this morning with obstructing the road way, Sergeant Elston informed the Magistrate that the defendant, who considered himself an expert at chess, had placed across the roadway a number of chess boards on which he was conducting simultaneous games with his clients. These latter were allowed to win easy games at first, but invariably the defendant later arranged hard problems, which, if the clients failed to solve, would cost them a certain fee.

A fine of \$5 was imposed.

CHINA SPECIE BANK.

Good News For Creditors.

As far as can be ascertained, it is probable that there will be sufficient funds to pay all the creditors of the China Specie Bank. This welcome information came from Mr. G. N. Orme (Official Receiver) at the first meeting of creditors of the Bank, held at the Courts of Justice this morning. Mr. Orme added, however, that the shareholders of the Bank will probably lose their money.

The Official Receiver gave the meeting information collected by Mr. J. H. Seth, the special manager. The balance sheet shows total liabilities at \$1,623,000, including \$583,300 capital. According to the books, the assets amount to \$1,369,000, but Mr. Seth's estimate is much less, say, \$1,100,000.

The proceedings were adjourned until Thursday, April 19th, Mr. J. H. Seth to continue to act as special manager.

OPIUM CASE.

Pots With False Labels.

An early morning raid by C.P.O. Clarke and officers aboard the San Nam Hoi, lying alongside a wharf, resulted in a charge of possession of a quantity of non-Government opium and 194 false labels being brought against one of the crew before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Police Court this morning. In reciting the facts, Mr. Clarke said that some of the pots of opium had these false Government labels already stuck to them. A fine of \$500, or six months, was imposed in respect of the first charge, to which was added another six months for possession of the label.

BURGLAR ALARM.

Another Accidental Signal.

The burglar device at Police Headquarters was again set going this morning at 10.15 a.m. but on arrival at the place from where the alarm communicated, No. 254, Des Voeux Road, Central, it was discovered by the police officers that the alarm was a false one. It appears that the electrical switch at this end was inadvertently pressed. Some forty constables, disappointed, had to turn back to Headquarters.

MOTOR-CAR MINUS MAGNETO.

Simpler Mechanism at Less Cost.

A London electrician has completed an invention, which if it does all that is claimed for it, will bring about a revolution in motor-cars.

The inventor and patentee is Mr. Howard Fellows, of Shepherd's-bush. He told the *Daily Chronicle* that his invention does away entirely with the existing system of ignition, such as magnetos, make-and-break devices, drives, or high-tension coils. The only current required is that for the first two or three revolutions.

Advancing and retarding are effected in a very simple manner. The apparatus is contained in a small cylinder, and the invention can be attached to the engine of any car in half an hour without structural change in the engine.

Mr. Fellows says he has driven a car fitted with it for over 8,000 miles. It will cost only about one-quarter of the price of a magneto and gear.

If engines were constructed with a common combustion chamber, one of Mr. Fellows's apparatus would be sufficient, but one would be required for each cylinder in the case of other makes. Protection and patents are being applied for.

DEATH OF MRS. R. V. RUTTER.

Former Kowloon Resident.

Many old residents of the Colony will bear with deep regret the death of Mrs. Rutter, wife of Mr. R. V. Rutter, formerly of the Kowloon Dockers. The deceased lady, who went Home several years ago with her husband, passed away at Northam, in Devon, on Wednesday last. During her residence here she made a wide circle of friends, and, being of a very courteous and genial disposition, she was greatly liked by all who knew her. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Rutter and family in their bereavement.

LETTER "S" PETITION.

"Apt Alliteration's Artful Aid."

Possibly the strangest letter ever sent to the Secretary of State for War is one dispatched by Mr. Stephen Springall, who styles himself the Uxbridge champion of local footpaths and rights of way.

The letter, which makes heavy demand on "apt alliteration's artful aid," protests against the suggested closing of a footpath through the R.A.F. Depot at Uxbridge, and is as follows:—
Sir,—State Secretaries standing serenely surveying sundry sunny stretches, selfishly suggesting shameful swallowing such stretches, shows social stupidity. Sound society seeing shameless spoliation, shudders. Stop servicable sky-shone strip? Scandalous!

Say, Saxon, speak: shall Snowden's shimmering snows sink Sheolwards? Shall staunch society sections slavishly sink? Significant, strongly, strangely significant, self-scattering society, shouting "Stop."

"NOT KNOWN."

Amusement has been caused in Paris by the fate of a hunting journal sent by a French society to King George. Not knowing the residence of the King the paper was addressed: *Le Roi d'Angleterre, en son Palais a Londres, Angleterre*. French, apparently, proved too much for the London Post Office, who returned the packet to Paris marked "Not known, insufficiently addressed."

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

Mackintosh & Co. have stocks of gents' white shoes.—Page 8. Members of the R.H.Y.C. are given notice that the race for the "Smyth" Cup has been postponed until Saturday the 31st inst.—Page 4.

Gentleman wishes to dispose of 2nd. class berth to London.—Page 4. William Farnum is appearing in "Les Miserables" at the World Theatre.—Page 12. For particulars of forthcoming auction sales refer to Page 4.

LISTEN.

The time not to "advertise" is when nobody is using anything.

Lost! Lady's bead bag. Finder please refer to Page 4. "My Wild Irish Rose" is being screened at the Coronet Theatre.—Page 12.

To let! Seven roomed house.—Page 4. "The Ruling Passion" is the attraction at the Star Theatre.—Page 12.

To-Day's Exhibitions.

The closing rates of the dollar demand to-day was 1.13 1/2. Lighting Up Time. Lighting Up Time. Lighting Up Time.

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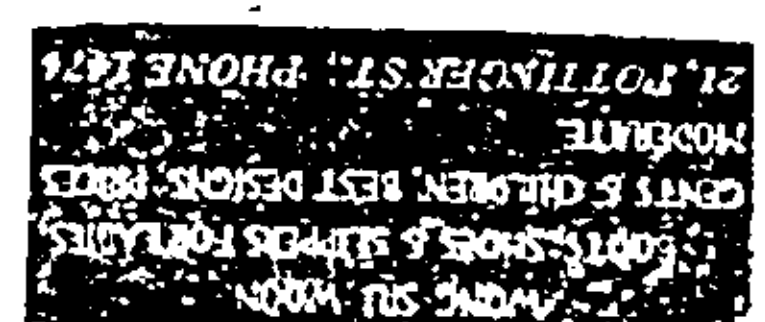
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CHAN'S OFFER.

To Clear up Canton.

Shanghai, March 22.—A telegram from General Chan Kwing-ming details Sun Wen's six capital crimes and states that he is willing to undertake the task of clearing up obstacles in Kwangtung if the Central Government will supply him with funds and ammunition.—Tsun Wen Yat Po.

CHINA'S ETERNAL WARFARE.

Looting in Fengtai.

Peking, March 22.—Yang Sen's forces are reported to be completely masters in the Wan Hsien and Chungchow and Fuchow districts. All the Szechuan troops there are reported to have gone over to Yang Sen. The latter is reported to be pushing on rapidly to Chungking which he is confident of capturing shortly. Sun Chuan-fang's troops are reported just outside Fochow. It is unofficially reported that Sun Chuan-fang is likely to enter Fochow himself to-day. Troops near Fengtai are reported to have looted the shops in Fengtai. Military circles state that the looting was done by brigands attired in uniform.—Reuter.

TREATY OF 1915.

China Dissatisfied With Japan's Reply.

Peking, March 21.—The House of Representatives to-day passed a resolution by a large majority urging the Government to refuse to accept Japan's reply with regard to the abrogation of the 1915 Treaty.

The above resolution will be forwarded to the Cabinet this evening. A second resolution was also passed asking the Government to inform Japan that China is dissatisfied with the reply regarding the Treaty.—Daily Bulletin.

TROPICAL MEDICINE

Next Congress in Singapore.

The fifth Congress of the Far Eastern Association of Tropical Medicine is to be held at Singapore on September 3 to 17, 1923. This Congress is open to all medical men and all scientific workers intimately connected with medicine. The first eight days will be devoted to the scientific part of the Congress, and the rest of the period to social events and excursions of a scientific nature throughout the Malay peninsula.

The Far Eastern Association of Tropical Medicine is of particular interest to scientific people. The organization was founded in Manila in March, 1908, with Dr. Paul C. Freer, then Director of Science, as the first President. The Congress of the Association was held in Manila in 1910, the second in Hongkong in 1912, the third at Saigon in 1913 and the fourth at Batavia in 1921, the last being attended by some 400 medical men and others interested.

As a result of these congresses, tropical medical science has flourished, and initiative has been aroused everywhere. The congress at Hongkong, on the initiative of Dr. Heiser, formulated the idea of suggesting to the several governments the introduction of a tax on over-polished rice, as a preventive measure against beriberi.

IPOH RACING SENSATION.

Cancelled Cash Sweep.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, March 22.

As a sequel to the recent cancellation, not publicly explained, of the Cash Sweep at Ipoh races, the police have now applied for a summons against the officials of the Gymkhana Club, alleging breaches of the Gaming Enactment. It is believed that action is also contemplated against a number of private individuals.

ARMY RACQUETS.

The Championship Results.

London, February 27.—In the Army Racquets Championships at Prince's Club in the first round Major Sloggett and Captain Moore-Gwyn (Rifle Brigade) beat Captains Christie and Hornby (Artillery) 15/4, 15/4, 15/9, 15/5. Capt. Williams and Lieut. Lord Plunket (Rifle Brigade) scratched to Major Pease-Watkin and Lieut. Meckler-Ferriman (Horse Artillery). In the semi-finals, Sloggett and Moore-Gwyn beat Lieut. Col. Clarke and Capt. Samson (Fusiliers) 15/7, 15/6, 4/15, 15/0, 15/5, and Lieut. Scott and Lieut. Drabble (Coldstreams) beat Pease-Watkin and Meckler-Ferriman, 14/17, 0/15, 15/9, 10/12, 15/5, 15/17, 15/2.

CRICKET.

Civil Service v. Craigengower.

The following have been selected to play for Civil Service 1st. XI v. Craigengower in a League fixture at Happy Valley on Saturday at 2.15 p.m.—A. E. Wood (Capt.), G. R. Sayer, A. B. Sutherland, F. J. Ling, F. H. Holdman, E. C. Fincher, E. Dunkley, R. C. W. Mitchell, W. H. Edmonds, F. Baker and A. W. Grimmett.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Yesterday's Results.

Good progress was made in the Hongkong Cricket Club tennis tournament yesterday afternoon. All the courts were occupied and some good games were witnessed. The results follow:

Open Champion Singles: S. A. Ramjani beat K. W. Lane, 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.
Open Champion Doubles: R. H. Wild and J. D. Humphreys beat S. H. Ismail and S. D. Ismail, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, 6-8, 7-5; V. Yanovich and Wong Po-keung beat R. M. Henderson and A. Brearley, 6-1, 1-6, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2; C. Willson and L. Foster beat H. E. Grace and J. R. Lloyd, 8-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Handicap Singles: "A": E. R. S. Dods (-2/6) beat R. M. Smith (-15/1) 6-4, 6-2.
Handicap Doubles: E. P. Harrison and M. G. Edwards (-2/6) beat T. F. Claxton and J. Hooper (-15/1) 6-4, 6-2.
Mixed Doubles: E. Grimble and Mrs. Grimble (ser.) beat P. P. Wodehouse and Mrs. Wodehouse (-15/1), 6-2, 6-3; A. D. Ball and Mrs. Bevan (-1/6) beat Butterworth and Mrs. Butterworth (-15/1), 7-5, 8-6.

HIGH VALUE FOR WIFE'S LOVE.
A suit for \$250.00 has been brought in America by Henry H. Atkinson, Jr., against his wife's parents for alleged conspiracy to alienate his wife's affections and to keep her from living with him.

BLACKMAIL CHARGE.

Accountant Threatened With Revolver.

Two men named Pun Tim and Lam So-mu appeared on remand at the Magistrate's yesterday afternoon on a charge of demanding money from a shop accountant with menaces.

Mr. Leo d'Almada defended the first accused. Outlining the facts of the case, Detective Inspector Grant stated that on March 10th, a letter signed by the Sam Shing Tong club was received by the complainant. The letter requested him to go to Blake Garden at 3 p.m. on the 13th, where he was to hand over \$200 to a man who would accost him. He was told to carry a flower in his hand for the purpose of identification. If the complainant should refuse the author of the letter would deal with him with a revolver without mercy. Having made a report to the police and been promised protection the complainant kept the appointment at the Blake Garden on the afternoon of the 13th; but neither he nor the two detectives who accompanied him saw the blackmailers. The detectives returned to headquarters and complainant adjourned to the Inen Hing firm, Wing Kat Street, which was kept by his uncle. Soon after he returned to the shop the first defendant came in and invited him to a tea house in Wing Lok Street. Complainant agreed to go and went out with his brother and the defendant. They had not been in the tea house for many minutes when second defendant and others appeared and came up to their table. Discussion began between the defendants and the complainant as to the amount of money the latter should pay. While this was going on another brother of the complainant, who knew of the trouble and saw first defendant when he called to take his brother out, approached a Chinese constable and went with the latter to the tea house in question. The two defendants were arrested as they were leaving the tea shop.

Complainant bore out the Inspector's statement in his evidence. He said he knew the first defendant by sight; he lived next door to his uncle. Mr. d'Almada's defence was that it was a trumped-up case. The complainant, angered by the attention which his client paid to his uncle's daughters, had concocted this story to get him into trouble. After further evidence the case was adjourned.

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RELICS OF THE CROSS.

Reported Discovery In New York.

There is nothing improbable, Catholic authorities say, in the reported discovery in New York of fragments of the True Cross. The relics were found in the hollow base of a silver cross from Austria, which, with other antiques, was being prepared for sale. With them was a Latin document signed and sealed by Cardinal Sigismund of Vienna, in 1750 authenticating the relics.

Fragment of the True Cross, a representative of the Observer was informed recently, are to be found in all parts of the world. There is one in the iron cross on the top of the campanile of Westminster Cathedral, and there is another amongst the relics in the Cathedral, which on certain days of the year are exposed for veneration. There are probably few of the Catholic Church who do not possess a fragment, and it is usually worn in the pectoral cross. The



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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

CHINA'S BANKRUPTCY.

London, March 21. The Times Peking correspondent, concluding an article on the financial chaos in China, considers the situation demands earlier attention than is possible by awaiting the recommendations of the foreign commission proposed at the Washington Conference to formulate conditions whereunder the 2 1/2 per cent surtax should be granted. Alternatively he suggests that the interested Powers appoint a small committee of experts to prepare evidence for submission to the Commission. Otherwise the representatives of nine Powers will assemble in Peking and find themselves confronted with a deluge of figures, and tissue of complicated issues with which they will be totally unable to deal until they have lived in the country for years. The correspondent does not disguise the possibility, if the mess is cleared up and the Chinese Government is given a fresh start, that renewed insolvency may succeed solvency. Any safeguards can only hinder the tendency to revert to bankruptcy if the Chinese persist in taking the downward path. The foreigner will have to run this risk.

BRITISH NAVAL REDUCTION.

London, March 22. In the course of a speech in London Lt.-Col. Amery said that Britain has scrapped warships totalling 1,600,000 tons since the Washington Conference, or with ships in course of construction and auxiliary vessels scrapped, some two million tons, including thirty-five battleships and battlecruisers, eighty-three cruisers, two hundred and eighty-three destroyers, ninety-five torpedoboats and one hundred and one submarines.

universal disposition of the relics is to day very much the same it has always been. St. Cyril of Jerusalem, testified in his time that "the whole inhabited earth is full of relics of the wood of the Cross," and St. John Chrysostom recorded that "fragments of the True Cross are kept in together again they would not golden reliquaries which men reverently wear about their persons." So many fragments have been reported in all parts of the world that the irreverent have some times said that if they were all collected together their bulk would be as great as a battleship. Robert de Flours, however, who made a most careful study of the subject, claims to have disproved this erroneous idea and shown that the True Cross is supposed to have been, namely, a cross of pine wood three or four metres in height, with transverse branches of two metres.

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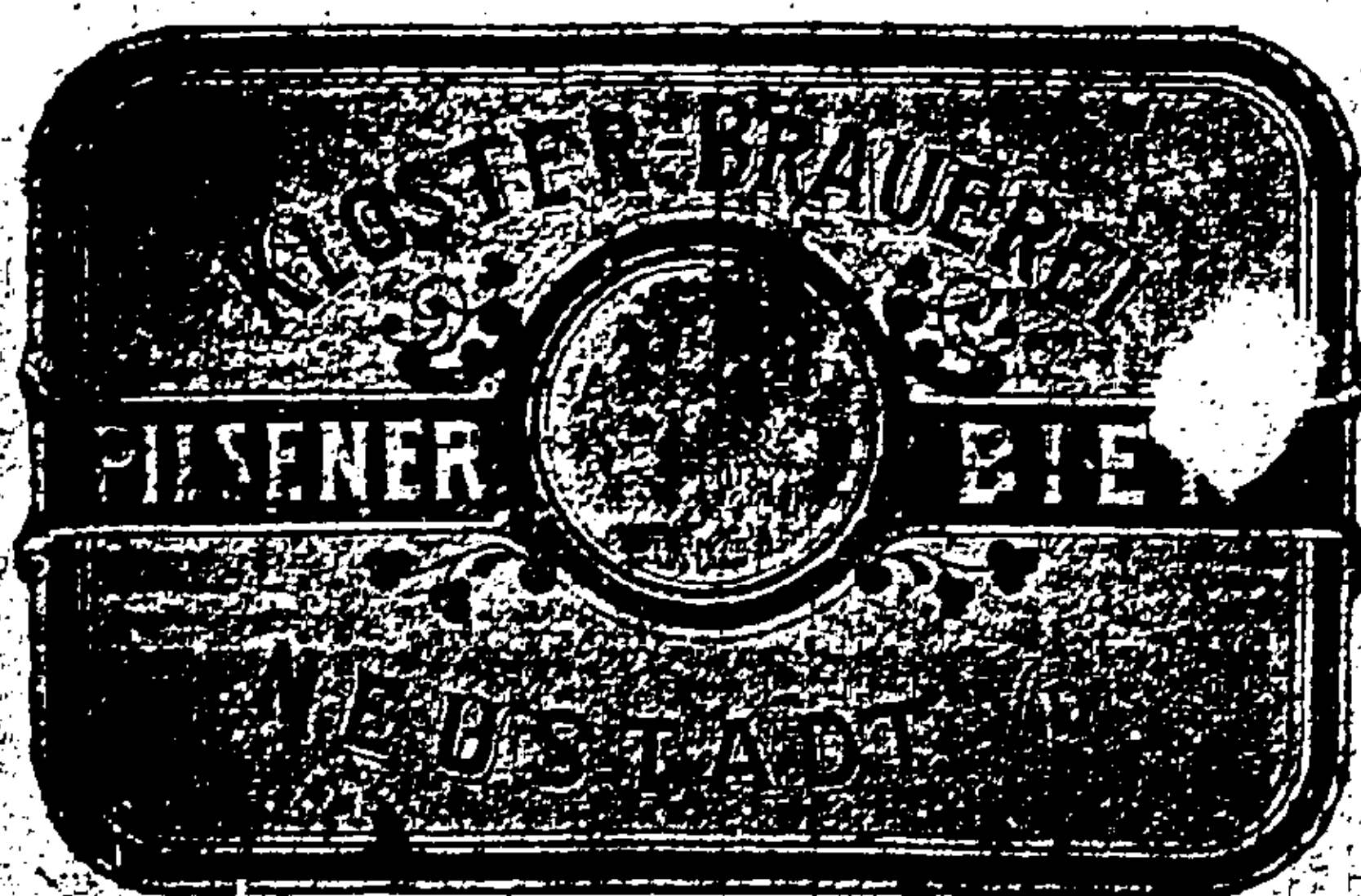
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INFLUENZA MICROBE.**A Bacteriological Triumph.**

The now familiar term "microbe," meaning a small living creature, serves to indicate all the minute organisms, or "micro-organisms," which cause disease, whether they be plants or animals, or definitely referable to neither category. Of these the first to be seen were, of course, the largest, which, especially when in motion, can readily be seen by ordinary powers of the microscope, and without the use of any selective stain to show them up against their surroundings. In the seventies and eighties of last century many important discoveries were made, increasingly dependent upon the use of special dyes, and special mordants, the most notable such event being the identification of the tubercle bacillus by Robert Koch, in 1881, he being the bacteriologist whose development of technique and amazing patience made him the most important pupil of Pasteur himself. But many deadly parasites could not be found.

They were too transparent and too tenuous. Dyes or no dyes, when the light passed upward through them, as they lay on the microscope stage, to the eye of the observer, nothing could be seen. But now let us modify our technique, placing the object of study on a dark background, and throwing light obliquely upon it from above, to be reflected to the observer's eye. Immediately all manner of things become visible that were never seen before. A very simple difference in method; but it rendered possible the discovery of the *spirochaeta pallida*, the parasite of syphilis, by Schaudinn in Germany, upon which discovery depended the possibility of the construction of salvarsan by Ehrlich, and the recognition of the syphilitic nature of, for instance, general paralysis and locomotor ataxia.

JAPANESE SCIENTIST'S DISCOVERY.

Now comes the Rockefeller Institute, and the combination of every kind of resource and ability, in a fashion never before attempted. The famous Japanese bacteriologist, Kitasato, who worked in Germany, is followed by his fellow-countryman, Noguchi, working in New York. Hence, for instance, the discovery, very recently of the parasite of yellow fever, the *leptospira icterohæmorrhagica*, or "slim-spiral jaundice-maker," and now comes a further triumph for the great Japanese, whose methods have been available for other workers to cultivate and stain, at long last, the microbe of influenza.

Small-pox, chicken-pox, scarlet fever, measles, whooping-cough, and so on, diseases of men and other diseases of animals, are doubtless due, as influenza has now been proved to be due, to microbes so minute that ordinary methods entirely fail to show them; and that they pass through the pores of porcelain filters, such as Pasteur used effectively to stop the passage of larger microbes, and such as the Japanese used successfully for the filtration of water and the prevention of typhoid, during the Russo-Japanese war.

The discovery of this "filter-passer," which causes influenza, is a great event. Sooner or later it will lead to the conquest of that disease, which lately caused the widest spread and most deadly pandemic in the history of mankind; and it will certainly expedite the discovery of other filter-passers, the casual micro-organisms of many such diseases as those mentioned above. And, just as Noguchi's discovery of the yellow fever germ led to the preparation of a specific against that disease, and just as Sir David Bruce's discovery of the *micrococcus melitensis* led to the conquest of Malta fever, and his discovery of the parasite of sleeping sickness made possible the German drug, "Bayer 205," which cures that disease, so success will rapidly follow success, and in due course the bold word of Pasteur will be justified: "It is in the power of man to make all parasitic diseases disappear from the earth."—Ex.

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RUSSIAN EXILES.**"Cinderella" Story Reversed.**

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You hop into a taxi for an evening of jazz at a dance club. If you have the curiosity bump and ask questions you may find that the chauffeur used to be on the list of the most exclusive hostesses of Petrograd. Colonel S— in fact. If you press the subject you find that his boss is Mr. Georges Stepanoff, once a member of the Corps des Pages in attendance on the late Czar. His story? Horatio Alger stuff; Arrived in Paris without a kopeck, turned his hand to this and that, but rarely toward his mouth—for these were the lean months—finally got a good job in a bank, made a couple of lucky speculations on the stock exchange, and with the capital set up in business for himself, buying a garage and launching a taxicab company and gaining more gratitude now from Russian ex-officers, by giving them preference to the jobs of driving and cleaning the cars than he formerly did from his post of valetage at the Imperial Court.

GENERAL TURNS CARPENTER.
He has reached the capitalist class, but most of the Russian refugees have not yet been able to leave the ranks of the proletariat into which the revolution flung them. Especially the older ones. There is General Wadine, who does the carpenter work for Countess Orloff-Davidoff, formerly one of the richest women in Russia. She was one of the fortunate few who saved her jewels, for by a lucky chance she left Russia just before the revolution to join her husband and daughter in Sweden. When the jewels were almost gone she stepped behind the counter, and instead of buying dresses started selling them for the famous dressmaker, Gabrielle Chanel at Biarritz.

In her spare time she knitted jerseys in coloured wools in various attractive tapestry designs, which sold so well that she went into the business of making them. A famous hostess in Petrograd, her invitations, now that they mean work and money, are more sought after than ever by Russian ladies. With the help of these friends she turned out from three to four hundred hand-knitted jerseys every month, most of which are sold by Madame Chanel, though many are exported to America, where they are in demand for sports wear.

PRINCESSES KNIT JERSEYS.
And then, it isn't always that you can say off-handedly to your friends, "Oh, yes, this jersey was made by Princess Troubetzkoy." Or Princess Wiszensky, or Countess Brobinsky, or Countess

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It was in pathological sketching for hospital use that he developed talents which he now turns to account; and under the pseudonym of Gideon Gays he has embarked on his new venture after doing a good deal of cartooning in the cause of charity and philanthropy.

"The idea has taken on very well," he said to a *Daily Chronicle* representative. "On the average I do about 20 cartoons in an evening when engaged at a dance hall."

As I have lost the use of my right hand, I have to do my sketching with my left; and I use not only sepia chalk, but engage in pen-and-ink work as well."

For 13 years a radiologist, Mr. Gideon Gays has had professional experiences in London and South Africa, and time was when he restricted his X-ray work to spells of six months, filling up intervals as sailor, journalist, and artist.

Then huge war demands cut out his rests, and the calls for X-ray plates were to be counted by the thousand—to end in science claiming another victim.

Goudewitch, to mention the names of only a few members of the Russian aristocracy who have joined the "working class" at the home of Countess Orloff-Davidoff. Business has so prospered that the Countess now has a couple of branches. Her shop "Vorio," in the Rue Richemont, is a sort of clearing house for the possessions which Russian refugees wish to sell, antique and modern pictures, jewelry, embroidery, lace, furs, trifles for thirty cents and sables which only empresses formerly could buy. She still goes to Deauville for the summer season, but now to sell goods. Her old friend, the King of Spain, was a valuable customer, for by buying a miniature he set a fashion in Russian souvenirs which brought many a franc to the refugees.

But to get back to that taxicab—though that suggests another digression about the Russian ex-admiral who drives the car of Queen Olga of Greece in Paris—and to that dance. If you have picked the right club, your order will be taken by a rare maître d'hôtel who used to be aide-de-camp to the Grand Duke Nicholas. He is the more conspicuous by the fact that he refuses to wear the usual velvet dinner jacket—Philadelphia *Public Ledger*.

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MERITS OF VACCINATION.

History Of Introduction To China.

It seems superfluous to tell what Jenner did, but it is to be hoped it will never be forgotten to pay tribute to his memory. It is well it should be so honoured, because it keeps the fact of vaccination and the good it has done before the public. It seems absurd to the doctors that this should be necessary, but the fact is that even after one hundred years of education of the people, the truth of the good that has been done is repudiated by many.

The doctor finds many of the community around him who doubt what science has shown to be established truth as to the good of vaccination. Of all the opinions held by a section of the public, none of these so-called opinions now receive a more curt reception than those who object to vaccination against small-pox. Were the doctors to rule the ethics of medicine with power to punish disobedience, the anti-vaccinator would receive short shrift, and a prison cell would be his habitat. Surely the opinion of the "conscientious objector" to vaccination is the greatest parody on scientific therapy that any government ever gave way to; and a demonstration of the weakness of "State," "Parliamentary," "socialistic" form of government, or whatever it might be called, farcical. We have it in the opinion of the great "so-called founder of the people's liberty," W. E. Gladstone, that in time the doctors shall rule, he—the doctor—shall be the ultimate power in the management of the State. It is a goodly number of years since Gladstone declared that opinion, but even in his own province of adviser to the State in public health the doctor's advice has not the power science and experience show to be imperative.

IGNORANT OPPOSITION. What is known as the lower classes have not shown the doctors to have the power that must come to be theirs; in evidence, the trade unions—which have been rechristened lately as "the slugs and scoundrels' protection societies," as Carlyle named them—are against it. They, in their "wisdom," have wildly declared against it, and they as the result of the devil teaching within their ranks, are allowed to float legislation in the face of the doctors. We, the medical authorities concerning public health, are set aside. We do not interfere with the politics of these trade unions and slugs and scoundrels' protection societies as regards hours of labour, wages, and other "rights" they set up, but when they declare against public health matters the doctors are bound to interfere, and the doctors are not going to lose in the struggle.

In the Far East, in India and several other tropical areas, the arrest of small-pox was attempted by employing the scabs, pustules, clothing of those afflicted by small-pox; measures that seem to us to-day to be crude. Cow-pox was brought from England to India after Jenner's discovery by the East India Company's steamers, and from the vivified product in India it was, about the year 1801, carried to Canton, and in the Great Hall of the city was regularly inoculated to Europeans and Chinese. There was great difficulty in keeping the lymph from England active, and frequently whole batches of it were found to be inactive and un-serviceable. So from the human arm the lymph was taken, and the same original strain was repeated again and again, until the pustule raised was really abortive. To make up for the slight effects these inoculations

had they were multiplied manifold, and as many as a dozen or more insertions were made in one or both arms. That these were effectual was not proven, and in time it came to be neglected altogether.

FRESH SUPPLY OF LYMPH. To the Philippines lymph was sent from Spain by order of his most Catholic Majesty the King, the Philippines and Brazil being then under the rule of Spain. The lymph was sent from Spain, men being inoculated on the way out to Brazil, and hence later from Brazil to the Philippines, the lymph being kept fresh and active by a continuous chain of insertions during the sea voyages, and hence it reached China, when a fresh and active supply was maintained. It must be remembered that communications were by sailing vessels, and as the voyage from England to India had to pass through two tropical exposures, namely, when passing south along the West Coast of Africa and after rounding the Cape of Good Hope, again in passing through the tropics as the ship sailed north to India, many tubes were spoiled, and the lymph rendered weak or altogether useless. Later still, America sent it from its western shores. Vaccine lymph was carried first by sailing vessel and later by steamer. So China was provided from India, from the Philippines and America. Still the sea voyages were long and the supply skimp, and the chances of its being active lessened or rendered wholly inactive.

Lastly, the writer recommended that a vaccine station should be established in Hongkong itself, under the regime of the governor and the co-operation of an advanced staff at the civil hospital. Lymph from calves was instituted so that the inhabitant of the island itself and the ships' crews in the harbour could be vaccinated; a vaccine station was developed, and the South of China supplied.

Of the several modes of communicating small-pox, one that prevails in China is the powdered dry scab which is blown up the nostril or nostrils. Another method whereby a healthy person can acquire small-pox with the idea of thereby rendering subsequent attacks less severe is for a healthy man or woman to put on the clothing of a person who had died of small-pox or to sleep in the bed or bed-clothes of the dead patient.

There seems little doubt that small-pox is a universal disease and has been known in tropical countries and was introduced into China probably from India during the third century B.C. In Africa small-pox had been equally ancient, in Egypt and even in Central Africa. In America small-pox is believed to have been introduced by the advent of the Spaniards. The actual cause of the disease is unknown, but it is believed to be spread by the air, hence the scab powdered being blown into the nostril by the Chinese and others, and by the "infection" being conveyed to the respiratory passage by sleeping in a bed where the discharges from the skin have soaked the bed clothes and mattress. There seems little doubt that the small-pox becomes more prevalent as one approaches the tropics and as far as we know vaccination is the only prophylactic to be relied upon. In that case vaccination should be made compulsory, especially in the tropics, and a vaccine service should be established wherever possible.—*Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.*

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AS OTHERS SEE US.

The Stage Englishman in France.

A new stage Englishman, it is stated, has appeared recently in a Paris play, but, from the account of him, he seems to be only the old stage Englishman with a dash of the Entente Cordiale added. He demands a bath, wears loud objects, eats ham and eggs for breakfast and displays the English phlegm on all occasions. But, of course, it would be futile to introduce a stage Englishman into a French play who was not the stage Englishman, for the audience would not recognize him. There may be variations on the well-known theme—in this case the Englishman is simple, sincere, and full of good intentions—but the theme itself must remain, and it does not matter whether or not there is still any truth in it. No doubt the stage Englishman is drawn from some observation, perhaps of Palmerston's time; but nations, in their ideas of each other, are apt to be belated by a generation or two. We still think of the French as light-hearted and frivolous, and they still think of us as phlegmatic; but, in fact, they are often shocked by our frivolity, and we are surprised by their desperate seriousness; while, as for our checks, they are at least less loud than the checks of Frenchmen who dress in the English style.

The stage Englishman still has some reality because he affects the conduct of actual Englishmen in France. Unconsciously they know what is expected of them and try to play up to it. They know that they ought to be phlegmatic, and so are more phlegmatic than in their own country. The most excitable Englishman wears a mask when he finds himself among a number of gesticulating Frenchmen, and it may even be that he chooses a suit of louder checks than usual if he is going to France, and in a French hotel ask for marmalade at breakfast though he would not miss it at home. No one in England ever says "Goddam," but Englishmen, anxious to oblige, have been heard to say it in France just as Irishmen sometimes say "Begorra" in England. We all like to play to the gallery; and in France there is always a gallery so conservative in its expectations that they have not been changed even by four years' experience of British armies. The English soldier was for the Frenchman a "Tommy," not an Englishman; he belonged to reality, not to the world of ideas, but the Englishman, based perhaps on observations made long ago, is a purely conventional figure, like a decorative motive that has long lost the clown or the pantomime in a pantomime. He survives while the "Mossos" is almost forgotten in England, because the French are so much more conservative in their conventions than we are, and the stage Englishman is one of them.—*The Times.*

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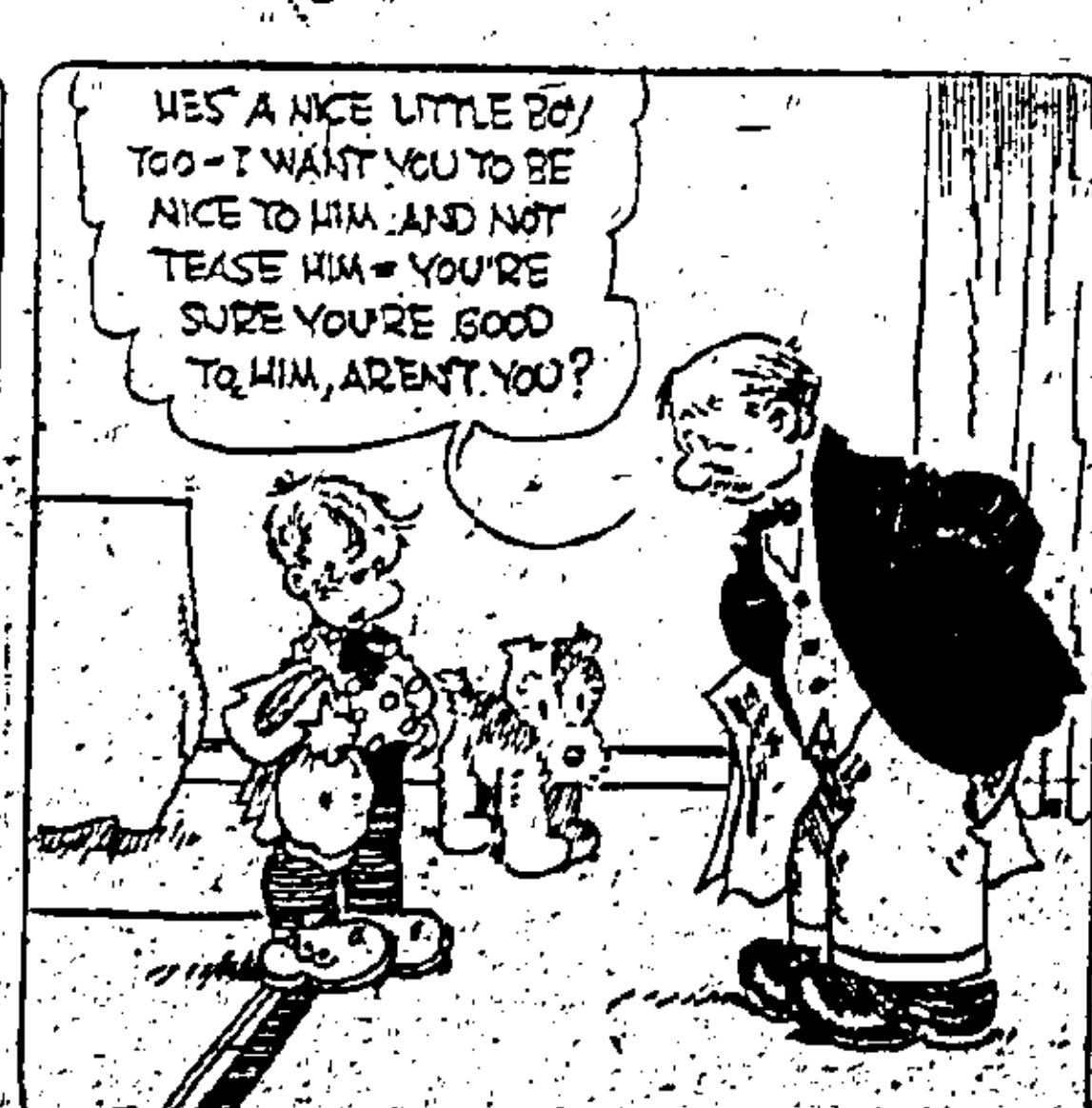
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DEATHS.

PRICE.—On 20th. March 1923. Mary Price mother of Harry Tommy, Starling and Lily. Intermment took place at Happy Valley on 21st. March.

RUTTER.—At Northam, Devon, on the 21st inst. Mary, the wife of R. V. Rutter, late of Kowloon Docks.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The family of the late Mary Price thank their friends who sent floral tributes and expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement.

The Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 23rd March, 1923.

AN EARLY FALL?

Only just in the saddle, the Sun Yat-sen regime in Canton looks like having an early fall. Ignoring his recently-expressed determination to brook no interference by the militarists, President Li Yuan-hung has caved in to Wu Pei-fu by appointing to important positions in Canton the Kwangsi and Yunnanese military leaders and prominent followers of Chan King-ming. The act serves to illustrate the supine character of the Peking President, and its true meaning is that Kwangtung becomes the pawn in the game being played by the rival Northern War Lords. Dr. Sun's position was unstable enough before. These latest developments render it all the more precarious. Without funds and with little or no military backing, he finds himself surrounded by Kwangsi and Yunnan troops whose leaders, whilst recently professing loyalty to him, have undoubtedly been lying low awaiting such a turn of events as has now occurred. Dr. Sun is assuredly in a cleft stick, and he must now be fully convinced of the folly of having induced "outside" forces to win back Kwangtung for him from Chan King-ming.

We honestly regret this latest Canton crisis, because it must mean further unrest and once again postpone any movement towards the reunification of the country. Dr. Sun and his followers may well complain that they have not been given a chance to carry out the new policy of moderation upon which they embarked. It is, unhappily, the old, old story of one party popping in and another jumping

out—the kind of thing that has been going on almost without intermission since the Republic was established. Though dubious of Dr. Sun's ability to make good in Canton, we wanted to see him given a fair opportunity of honouring his promises, because we believed that, if it could only be accomplished, the making of Kwangtung into a model province would be the surest way to eventual national unity. But the old dispute between Wu Pei-fu and Chang Tso-lin, with Dr. Sun as a more or less negligible figure, has apparently to be fought all over again. We are beginning to despair of peace ever coming to South China. Our hopes have so many times been raised and then brought low. To-day we are again frankly pessimistic. We hope for the best, but fear the worst.

Russia Out in the Cold.

Those who have so long agitated against the failure by most of the nations of the world to "recognise" the new Russia, and have urged upon the Powers the need for accepting the Soviet authority at its own estimation, will do well to ponder over the attitude of the Government of the United States of America—a Government that we still like to look upon as composed of hard-headed business men, less inclined to be affected by wire-pulling than so many of their kind in the diplomatic circles of Europe. Mr. Hughes has stated bluntly that reports received at Washington "have failed to inspire confidence in the Soviet." In short, Russia is at present ruled by a clique devoid of conscience, and deserving of the position of outcasts, whose word nobody can accept, and whose professions of friendship could only inspire in the object of the blandishment a suspicion that there was some ulterior and threatening motive. A safe policy to pursue with the Bolshevik regime is to look for the dagger hidden in the left hand whenever the right hand is held forth in seeming amity. One of the hardest things for the other nations to swallow, especially at the present moment when there is so much financial stringency, is the Soviet repudiation of foreign debts. So we find the nations of the world, with America in the forefront, rushing to the aid of the Russians whenever disease and famine, bred by the incompetent gang running the country, are taking their toll; but disdainfully refusing to accept the Government of Russia as one of themselves. The Soviet has had to sit on the doorstep for some time now, and it does not appear as if its attempts to batter the door down, or pick the lock in stealth, are meeting with much success. It seems to us that a great deal of reformation will have to take place in the Bolshevik domestic life before that door will be opened.

International Economics.

We rather fancy that we have heard a great deal in the past about the good that can result from an international economic conference, and if we mistake not there has been more than one gathering that promised big things but brought forth nothing tangible. The latest suggestion is for a conference of the nations—especially the war-worn ones—to deal with such vexed questions as reparations, inter-Ally debts, exchange, and international credit. Well, we have seen enough of what these international consultations result in to make us chary of looking to them to find solutions of any really big problems; and those items that the proposed meeting is to tackle are big enough in all conscience. However, there is nothing like getting together occasionally. If these gatherings do nothing else, they provide topics for public and Press discussion, revenue for hotels in the city where the venue is laid, and often not unpleasant sightseeing for the delegates. Of course, taxpayers are not supposed to bother about what the travelling and other expenses of their representatives are likely to be, and no-one is, presumably, expected to remember that there is in existence a body, known as the League of Nations, which a few years ago most people hoped would be the means of probing and finally curing the many ills of this very sick world.

DAY BY DAY.

THE HABIT OF WORK IS THE HABIT OF SUCCESS.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

An Evening Dance has been arranged and will take place at the Helena May Institute, on April 5th, at 8.30 p.m. Tickets, for Members and their friends, obtainable from the Secretary, \$1 each. Dancing till 11.30 p.m.

An alarm was received by the Fire Brigade this morning from Bonham Street. The men turned out with the engines and proceeded to this quarter, where it was found that a pot of tar had been set alight whilst being boiled on the roof of one of the houses. There was very little cause for anxiety as the outbreak was almost immediately extinguished with very little damage being done.

A charge of manslaughter has been brought against a native physician practising at Yau-mati in consequence of the death from poisoning of a woman to whom he is said to have administered certain pills. When charged, he said that another individual asked him for medicine and he did not know to whom it was later given. He had practised for thirty years. The case is fixed for hearing next week.

Our Picture Page to-morrow will include groups taken at the annual cricket match between the Queen's College Old Boys' Association and the College of the Queen's College boxing champions, and of the Shanghai inter-port rowing team which last week beat Hongkong. There will also be a portrait of General Sir George Kirkpatrick, former G. O. C. in Hongkong, who has been given an Indian Command, and a photo of the yacht "La Cigale," the winner of the English rig cruiser championship of Hongkong.

FOOTBALL.

The following team will represent the Club in the League game with the South China Athletic on Saturday at 4.30 p.m.—McPhail; Israel, Bishop; Valentine, J. Stewart, Mair; May; Forsyth, Begg, W. Stewart and England.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received by the American Consulate-General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at 9 a.m. to-day, March 23, 1923:—

Typhoon in about 145 deg. Long. E. 10 deg. Lat. N. direction unknown.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

The following will represent the Kowloon C. C. 2nd. XI against the University at Kowloon on Saturday at 2.15 p.m.:—E. J. Edwards, H. Overy, N. L. Railton, W. J. Shenton, L. A. R. Duncan, W. L. Wessner, B. Petheram, H. H. Benson, E. F. Spinks, J. M. Jack and J. C. Fletcher.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

Musical Syrens.

Sir,—I have been reading in Saturday's "Bells and Innings" about the syrens playing a lively tune in the fog.

As a matter of fact, this is quite possible, for the Hull trawlers' skippers used to play tunes on their syrens when returning with their catch, and "Lead Kindly Light" was the favourite of one old trawler skipper.

Yours etc.

GUNFLEET.

Hongkong, March 21st, 1923.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Sir Frederick Macmillan, Mr. Charles Whibley, Sir Charles Biron, and Mr. W. P. Kar spoke to the glory of Charles Dickens at a dinner held by the Dickens Fellowship to celebrate the 11th anniversary of his birth. But Sir Charles Biron, who is chief Metropolitan Magistrate, tinged his remarks with disappointment. He lamented that the only passage he could find in Dickens in favour of magistrates was a vague and despairing hope that some day even they might be taught to shake hands with common sense and justice.

Another boy's record was honoured, at the annual meeting of the Royal Humane Society, with the Stanhope Gold Medal, awarded for the bravest deed of the year. The boy was Midshipman P. C. Hutton, R.N.; and this was the story.—On August 8, 1922, during a dense fog, H.M.S. Raleigh was stranded on the Coast of Labrador, near Armour Point and a cutter was lowered to try to get a line to shore. The cutter capsized, and eleven men were swept away and drowned. Midshipman Hutton reached the rocks where he was in a position of comparative safety, but, seeing a seaman named Reynolds being rapidly carried away in the heavy surf, he plunged in and, after a hard struggle, succeeded in rescuing the man.

Bartholomew Fair, which it is proposed to revive in connection with the celebration of the 800th anniversary of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, was originated by Rabare, founder of the Priory, in 1133, and held annually in Smithfield until 1850. In its early days it was the most important cloth fair in the country, but gradually this aspect tended to disappear, and it became an annual carnival, with theatrical performances, wild beast shows, dancing, and what-not. It was immensely popular, and folk of all classes flocked to participate in the fun, but in course of time degenerated into a lawless riot, which culminated in the fair of 1815. After that drastic restrictions caused rapid decay, and finally the ancient fair ceased to exist.

The London Council have discussed at length a question which in the eighteenth century gave the governing bodies of London a lot of trouble. That is the question of fairs. In the old days London fairs became not only a nuisance, but a threat to law and order. To-day law is not involved, but order is, though to a smaller extent. Good and valid objections were stated why the Mayor of St. Pancras should not be given permission to hold another charitable fair on Hampstead Heath; and those who have read the local history of London parishes some two hundred years ago will be amused by the likeness between present and past objections. Now it is merely annoyance that is involved, then it was immorality of several kinds, yet the resemblance remains. The upshot of the discussion was that counsel is to be taken with other authorities and societies regarding suitable sites for fairs. The Bank Holiday festivals are not involved.

A collector may be as remarkable as his collection. Several thousand pounds' worth of realizations at Christie's by the treasures of the late Mr. Francis William Smith, of Tranquil, Val, Blacksmith, Mr. Smith was a tall, dark, and his living room, his cupboards, and chests of drawers were crammed with the accumulation of many years, including Oriental porcelain, Old English pottery, and silver plate and books on the fine arts. He was a frequent visitor at Christie's, usually when few people were about, a tall, thin old gentleman, and his purchases were usually made by an elderly lady in black. He bequeathed many valuable articles to the British Museum and Victoria and Albert Museum. Another tailor who was an art collector was Mr. John Jones, of Piccadilly, the greatest British example of this type, who left his superb collection of old furniture and objects of art, the value of which to-day runs into six figures, to the Victoria and Albert Museum, as a permanent record of his fine taste. M. F. Debon, a French tailor, formed a very fine collection of prints which came under the hammer in Paris in 1844-45.

FORGED NOTES.

Clever Work Baffles Even Experts.

Clever forgeries of Bank of England notes have recently been circulated in London, and special detectives are following the matter up.

It is believed the spurious notes were made on the Continent. "They are wonderfully good," the *Daily Chronicle* was told, "and would pass almost anywhere."

Beyond that statement the Bank of England officials decline to give particulars of the serial numbers or other details. It is learned, however, that one false £20 note passed in the West-end had a rubber stamp impression on the back.

Whether this was a cunning attempt to inspire confidence, as indicating that the note had passed through expert hands, or whether it had really been accepted somewhere in good faith is not yet known.

READILY ACCEPTED. What is known is that in hotel offices, in retailers' shops and in steamship and railway booking offices these notes have been accepted without question. The quality of the paper is exceptionally good, the engraving does not arouse suspicion, and the watermark would pass almost anywhere, except at the Bank of England.

Police were engaged practically the whole of last year in a hunt over Europe for the makers of an issue of English notes circulated on the Continent. On occasions detectives managed to get close to men who were passing them, and in Rotterdam a damure little German woman and three burly Dutchmen were arrested.

But after chasing clues all over Europe the officers were defeated in their efforts to find and arrest the makers of the forged notes.

In the present case forged notes from £5 to £100 in face value are believed to have been presented. Some of those who had them in their possession may, of course, be innocent holders.

£10,000 A YEAR FROM DRESS DESIGNING.

Lady Duff-Gordon Appears for Public Examination.

Lady Duff-Gordon, founder of "Lucile," made piquant revelations of her relations with the famous dress house which she appeared for public examination in the London Bankruptcy Court.

After explaining how the business grew from a small private concern until it consisted of four companies, operating in London, Paris, New York and Chicago, Lady Duff-Gordon said the business had an immense turnover and tremendous profits till 1919, and yielded her a total income of £10,000 a year.

She attributed her failure to having been dismissed from her employment and to litigation against the Paris company and against Mr. Otto Shulman, her manager in New York.

The real reason why she was dismissed she said, was that she told the truth—that some of the dresses shown by the company were not designed by her.

Agreements and shares are all Greek to her, she added, but so far as she was aware her personal expenditure had never exceeded her income.

Filed accounts showed liabilities of £24,575 and assets estimated to produce £2,695 which, however, are absorbed by claims of preferential creditors.

SUPER-BOT FOR OXFORD.

Fastest Ever Rowed in a Varsity Contest.

A number of important new features will be embodied in the boat to be rowed by Oxford in the inter-Varsity eight race.

She is expected to be the fastest boat ever used in the contest.

Her designer is Professor G. C. Bourne, of New College, father of the famous Oxford stroke.

One of her principal features is a straight water-line.

Her greatest beam is at No. 3 stretch, from which point she tapers off to a point-stem.

She is so narrow that the oars lie like a fan on the water, and Mr. Phelps, the builder, said: "This will increase her speed considerably."

The new boat is slightly shorter than the one used last year.

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The story of Lim Tsuei is the story of 75 per cent. of the Chinese slave girls in America, says an exchange.

Every liner that ploughs through the Golden Gate from the Orient brings its quota. They land here as "merchants' wives" and soon are swallowed in the Chinese underworld.

San Francisco is the chief slave market. Girl slaves are literally sold to the highest bidder. Their "masters" take them wherever they please.

In China their prices range from \$50 to \$200. Here they bring from \$2,000 to \$6,000. As a girl grows older or loses her health her value decreases. In the meantime she must earn back her price and a profit.

At the immigration station on Angel Island there are to-day 45 Chinese girls. To-morrow a boat will leave as many more. Some of them are fated for shame and suffering. Where are they going? What will become of them?

These questions are answered by Lim Tsuei.

"I was kidnapped from my home in the Kwong Tung province in China by bandits. They sold me for \$25 to a woman in Canton who kept me as a servant until I was 15.

"Then I was sold for \$100 to a dealer in slave girls. I begged her not to send me into the resorts of Hongkong, to which shipments of girls were made from her house each week.

"This woman said she would find me a rich husband from America. I was very happy. He came in the person of a Mr. Lee from San Francisco. Mr. Lee paid \$200 and took me before the American consulate at Canton where we were married. My husband was American born and carried citizenship papers.

"I had no idea that anything but a happy home awaited me. My husband left me when the steamer docked in San Francisco and said he would call for me. I never saw him again.

"I learned afterward that he was a highbinder and that he had received \$700 to marry me and bring me to this country.

"I was at the immigration station two months when a white attorney called for me with landing papers. He said he would take me to my husband.

"He took me in a closed cab to Chinatown and left me in charge of an old woman. When I asked for my husband she laughed and said 'there was no husband.'

"The old woman brought me a bundle of clothes and ordered me to put them on. Then she told me my doom.

"I have paid altogether \$3,600 for you, and I must get it back," she said. She promised I could buy my freedom by earning this amount. 'Tonight,' she added, 'you must entertain my customers!'

"That night I refused to work. The old woman beat me terribly and locked me up in a dark room with rats. By morning I was so terrified that I agreed to obey her in everything.

"My first owner sold me in six months. My second owner told me that he had paid \$4,000 for me and before I could go free I must earn that amount.

"Frequently I was told I would be killed by the highbinders if I ran away.

"My owners belonged to tongs. These tongs employed gunmen. It was the duty of these gunmen to guard us. There have been many cases where slave girls have been murdered when they tried to flee.

"I became ill and began to lose my beauty. My owner, a member of the On Yick Tong, shipped me to Stockton. A highbinder of the Suey Sing Tong fancied me and one night at the point of a gun he kidnapped me and took me back to San Francisco.

"The On Yick Tong threatened war with the Suey Sing Tong if the kidnapper did not return me or pay for me. A Buddhist priest in Chinatown helped raise the money and took a part ownership in me. Thereafter I worked for two owners.

"My earnings in six years as a slave girl have exceeded \$18,000—all of which my masters took. There are hundreds of girls like me, bought and sold, body and soul."

SYNDICALIST LEADER SHOT.

Barcelona:—A number of unidentified men have shot and killed Salvador Segur, the leader of the Syndicalist Party. A panic ensued during which the shopkeepers began to leave the city, fearing that the Syndicalists would start a Revolution.

PATHWAYS OF EMPIRE.

Extensions of Wireless.

The opening of the broadcasting station at Cardiff this month, and of another at Glasgow in a few weeks' time, illustrates the rapidity with which wireless is insinuating itself into the web of our ordinary life. And it only serves as a reminder of the greater functions which must be awaiting such a force in the wider compass of the Empire, if there is such a field for it in lesser uses within the boundaries of one small and compact island. It is a most accusing paradox that science should have presented us with the invention that seems, above all others, ideally designed for the service of a community scattered in groups over the whole earth, and that it should be so slowly and almost reluctantly utilized.

We have in the past few weeks dealt very fully with the obstructions that impede this inestimable instrument of an Imperial system. But it cannot be repeated too often that in neglecting wireless we are depriving the Empire of what ought to be its most distinctive strength. A scattered Power vital-a-vis those which are territorial units can have no hope of maintaining its relative position unless it is second to none in communications. We have organized our Empire first upon the traffic of the sea, and afterwards upon roads and railways and cables. Now in the era of faster travel and faster communication through the air, a primacy in all the older facilities will go for nothing if we do not take the utmost advantage of the new. The lack of initiative in wireless and air travel is the most serious criticism invited by our political system in its recent record. And it must rapidly become a fatal fault, if not amended.—*The Observer.*

SONG OF THE HAPPY VENTURER.

The still blue silence of dusk in the woods of sleep,
Pale star dust trembling over the shoreless night,
The flowers of foam on the halcyon breast of the deep,
And the call of the hills and the road, and the wind's delight,
The tender beacons of primrose waking the morn,
Through whispering boughs unvelled—to these was I born.
The laughter of youth is mine and a faith that glows,
The passion of love and the peerless treasure of friends;
A venture is mine to a haven that no man knows,
And dove-winged dreams that enshrouded slumber sands,
The thrilling of life, and pride in the road that is worn,
By the numberless legions of man,—to these was I born.
Rejoice, my soul, rejoice in the glowing of youth,
For the shepherd of dawn has gathered the stars away:
The glad-mouthed trumpets have sounded the quest of truth,
And the golden valleys are rich with the promise of day,
And death's but a sleep at the gates of an infinite morn:
The glory of being awaits for which I was born.
H. R. COLMAN, in the *Observer*.

IN THEIR HOME-LAND.

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MILLION YEAR OLD MONSTERS.

Finds Of Fossil Giant British Reptiles.

Fossil remains of two recently discovered giant reptiles which existed many millions of years ago have been placed on exhibition at the National History Museum, South Kensington.

These Mesozoic monsters, hitherto unknown to science, have been named after their discoverers.

One 20 foot specimen in a particularly fine state of preservation, though not quite complete, was presented by Mr. H. Gerard Thornton, and has been, therefore, christened *Rhomaleosaurus Thorntoni*, which seems almost as incongruous as it is impressive.

Found in a claypit at Kingsthorpe, near Northampton, it is a representative of those huge egg-going reptiles known as *Plesiosaurs*, which had long, slender necks, small heads, and limbs in the form of swimming paddles.

Dr. Smith Woodward (keeper of the geological department) pointed out that there is only one other specimen of this form of *Plesiosaur* known—and that is of an allied species and in the Dublin Museum, being represented at South Kensington merely by a cast.

The second rarity is a skull of a large carnivorous land-reptile, *Megalosaurus* Bradley, named after Mr. F. L. Bradley, F.G.S., who found it in a stonequarry at Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire.

It is the only relic in the possession of man of this kangaroo-shaped creature, which is thought to have measured about 10ft. in length—quite a pygmy for a Dinosaur—and to have preyed upon the relatives of the *Iguanodon*.

An interesting remnant of the latter class of herbivorous reptiles has, also, been added to the collection in the form of the hindquarters of a *Trachodon mirabilis*, discovered in Sussex.

When it is considered that this creature, though measuring about 30ft. in length, walked, or leapt, upon its hindlegs, the enormous size of the hip-bones is not surprising.

One needs to inspect such exhibits as these to appreciate what might have been!

AYR'S "AULD BRIG."

Council Gives Way to Strong Sentiment.

"I'll be a brig, when ye're a shapeless cairn."

This boast, which Burns jestingly attributed to Ayr's historic "Auld Brig," may, after all, be fulfilled by the action of the Committee for the Preservation of Ancient Monuments, who have assumed responsibility for its preservation.

So ends the fierce controversy that has raged over the proposal of Ayr Town Council to reclaim land from the bed of River Ayr, and possibly damage the bridge.

Last month the council agreed by eleven votes to seven to abandon the scheme.

It is not known precisely when the "Auld Brig" was built. In the year 1266, Alexander II. granted a charter to the burgh of Ayr for the maintenance of the bridge. In 1440, and again in 1491, the bridge was restored. Burns saw it three centuries after its restoration in the reign of James IV., and dedicated his song to the architect of the new bridge which was then built to meet the needs of local commerce.

A PUZZLE A DAY.

PSRVYPRFCTM
NVREPTHS
PRCPTSTN

The jumble of letters shown in the above inscription can be formed into a perfect sentence, by merely inserting the letter E at the proper places. Can you discover the inscription?

Yesterday's answer:
D H N N H S B S H N N H D D

By inserting the vowels a, e, and i, the above jumble of letters may be formed into the statement:
DID HANNAH SEE BEES?
HANNAH DID.

The sentence reads the same backward and forward.

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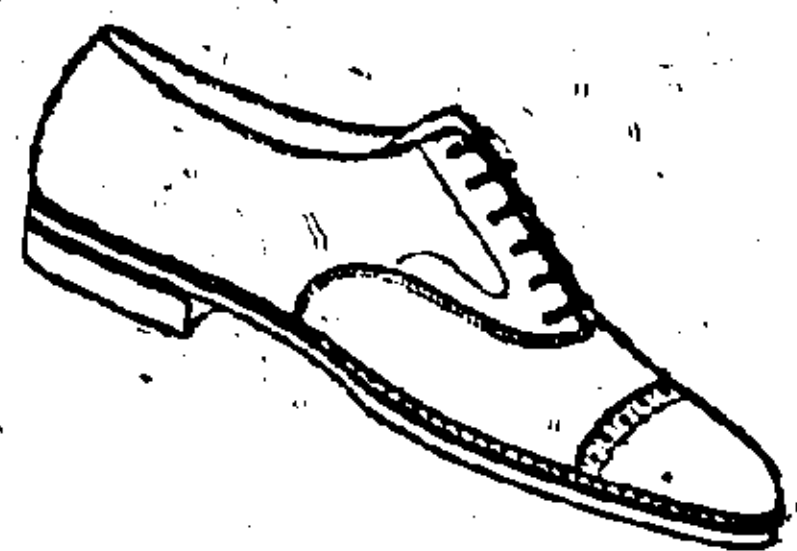
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Removal of some of the treasures from Tut-ankh-Amen's tomb.



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National government.



Egyptian natives are shown here carrying embalmed
beef from the tomb of Tut-ankh-Amen. Forty packages of
this beef carefully sealed in wooden boxes were taken from
the tomb.



Another picture of the removal of Egyptian treasures.



Further art treasures from the Luxor tomb.



Some of the Egyptian troops who guard the wealth in
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Women followers of Zaghlul Pasha, Egyptian Nationalist,
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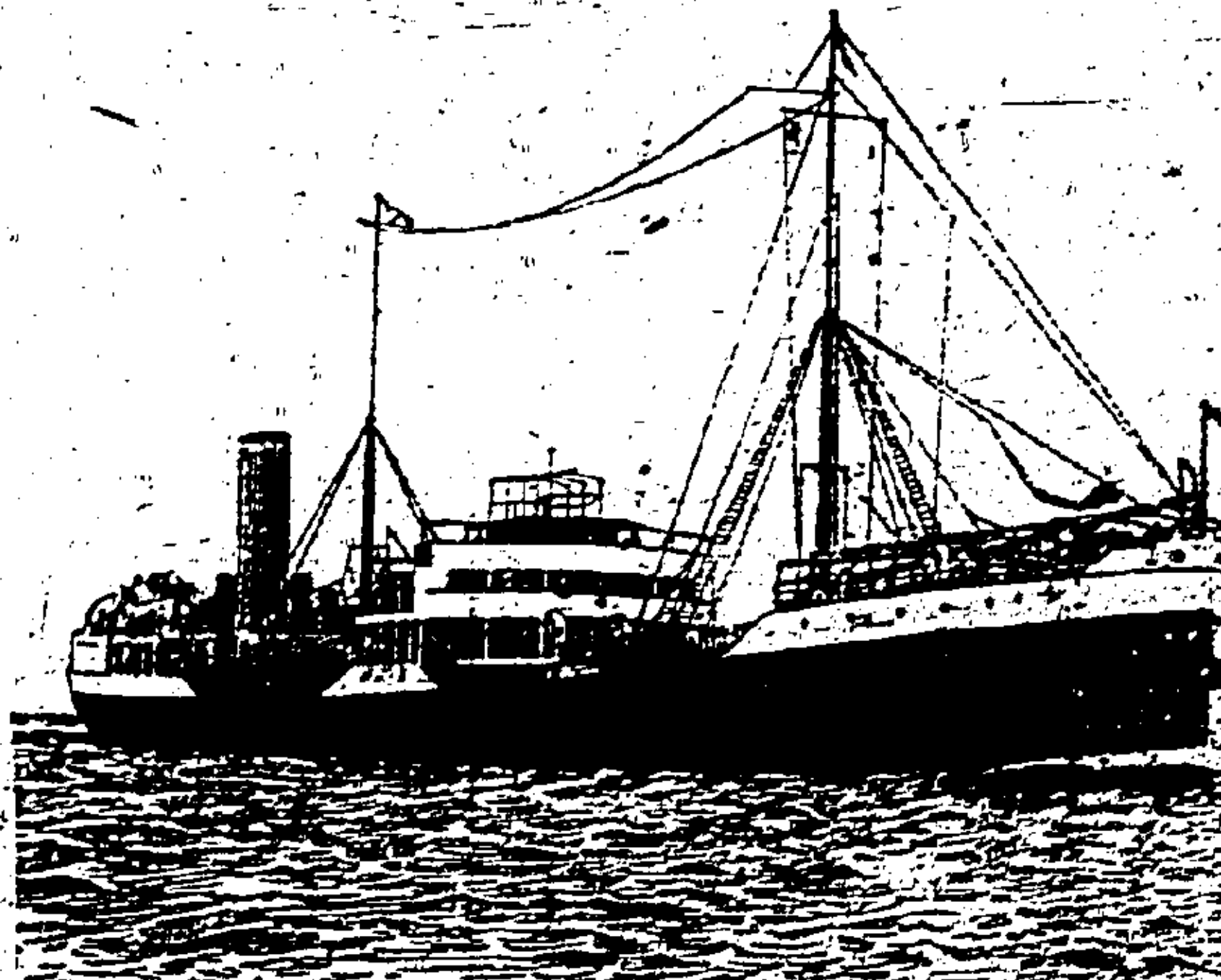
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Although all Vienna speaks of him, the stir he has created would not have been so remarkable but for a telepathic gentleman calling himself Erik Jan Hansen and his fiancée, one Martha Farra, a delicate girl of nineteen, his medium, who appear nightly at another music-hall in competition with Breitbart. Miss Farra claims to be quite as strong as the "Iron King," and lets herself be killed the "Iron Queen." So far it has been exceedingly difficult to get at the truth. Miss Farra's admirers allege that in the presence of a hostile audience she repeated all the feats of Breitbart, even to lying down with bare back on a board studded with nails with the points turned upwards, and having weights placed upon her into the bargain. It is claimed that she did it all without being hypnotised, while her many disparagers insist that it is all trickery.

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Many commissions of inquiry, consisting of representatives of the public, of doctors, and of the Press, have examined Miss Farra's case impartially, but have arrived at contradictory results. The audiences are beyond themselves; and at each performance there are turbulent scenes and arrests are made.

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SUWA MARU	Wednesday	28th Mar.
FUSHIMI MARU	Wednesday	11th Apr.

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WRECKED ON THE LIZARD.

Thrilling Rescue of German Crew.

The German five-mast barque, Adolf Vinnen, was wrecked on the Lizard one night last month. She was on her first voyage from Bremen to Barry, where she was going to load.

The vessel encountered a strong southwesterly gale, and when near the Lizard, she got too close to land and went ashore under the signal station. The rocket apparatus was got to work and the lifeboat was launched. So high were the seas that on two occasions the lifeboat was almost hauled on to the deck of the ship.

Subsequently, twenty men were rescued by means of the rocket apparatus. The captain and four of the officers, however, who were aft, could not get to the rocket rope, and they lashed themselves to the rigging. Their shouts for help could be heard from the shore. Meanwhile the lifeboat was forced to run for Falmouth, and the coxswain was under the impression that the whole of the crew had been rescued by the rocket apparatus.

The Adolf Vinnen wrecked at low water, with the waves washing right over her, but a north-easterly wind moderated and the ship, and other officers, were landed at Falmouth.

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THE APPRENTICE AT SEA.

Some Points that Call for Reform.

The apprentice system as it operates in the British mercantile marine is sadly in need of revision, both from the point of view of the boys themselves and that of their parents, many of whom would refrain from indenturing their lads were they acquainted with the actual conditions of the service. writes a correspondent of the Observer. Up to a few decades ago the embryo merchant-officer served his apprenticeship in sail. The decline of the sailing ship, however, has resulted in a new condition of things, and now there are comparatively few lads who receive their training in square-rigged ships. The British Board of Trade, as the result of careful inquiry, announce that 168 firms of British shipowners are prepared to take apprentices, but of this number only ten are the owners of sailing vessels.

The terms of engagement are usually for four years, or three years if the cadet has completed two years preliminary training on the Conway or the Worcester. The remuneration offered varies, and is usually about £40 for the four years, provided that the indentures are satisfactorily completed. In some firms a premium is required and this is returned when the service is completed, or is forfeited in case of desertion. With these arrangements there is little fault to find, and the sea life makes such an appeal to the youth of the country that the majority of firms have a considerable waiting list.

LOST OPPORTUNITIES.

But, unfortunately, shipowners do not regard their responsibilities in the manner that they should. In many cases there is not the slightest attempt to educate the boy in the calling which he has elected to follow, and the result is that many lads when they have completed their four years at sea must go through a course of cramming at some nautical school before they can hope to pass their second mate's examination, which they must do before they can rise any higher in their profession. The average lad who decides upon a seafaring career is not, as a rule, a good mathematician, and the result of four years' rusting is that he often finds the knowledge of mathematics he acquired at school has left him. If the nautical crammer can coach him up he may scrape through his examination, but if he fails he has nothing before him but to go to sea as an A. B., an eventuality which his parents or guardians certainly never contemplated.

The percentage of failures of time-expired apprentices and others who sit for the second mate's examination is about fifty, and the distressing feature of it is that many of the young men who are plucked have little or no chance of subsequently passing the test. If the shipowners saw to it that lads had opportunity for study under supervision this condition of things would not arise.

"CHEAP LABOUR."

By their negligence many owners certainly lay themselves open to the charge that they simply regard the apprentice as cheap labour. He is employed to clean brass and paint-work, to shift coals, and generally to do the work of an ordinary seaman. He does, it is true, pick up much which will be of service to him. He learns, for example, how to perform his trick at the wheel, but any attempt to teach him navigation or the use of nautical instruments is too frequently conspicuous by its absence. In some firms the practice is to sign on an apprentice during, say, the third or fourth year of his service as a quartermaster and to pay him extra. This, although regarded favourably by the lads themselves, as it gives them more pocket-money, is hardly fair to the A. B.'s, who look upon the work of a quartermaster as one of the plums to which they have the right to aspire. It must be remembered, too, that the supply of apprentices exceeds the vacancies for junior officers, so that there can be no guarantee of employment as officer when the indentures are completed.

It frequently happens that a boy who has put in two years at sea, finding himself short of pocket-money, thinks it to his advantage to desert and secure the wages of a sailor. There is thus a steady recruitment of the ranks of seamen from the apprentices who joined the sea service with the aim of rising to the higher grades of their profession.

This would not occur if the apprenticeship system were not abused. It is, perhaps, only fair to point out that the average owner leaves the matter of the instruction of apprentices to his captains, and they in their turn perfunctorily delegate it to their officers, with the result that what is everybody's business is nobody's, and the apprentice who joined the service with high hopes finds that he has no better chance of a rise in his calling than if he had commenced his seagoing career as a mere deck boy. Parents before indenturing their lads to the sea would do well to inquire what arrangements are likely to be made for their professional education. If this were done much dissatisfaction and disappointment both to the boy and his guardians might be prevented.

WEATHER REPORT.

March 22d 12h. 55m.—Pressure has decreased slightly at Vladivostok, Shanghai and Hongkong. It is nearly stationary over Formosa and Tongking. Yesterday afternoon's observations indicate a typhoon to the south of Guam. Its direction of motion is unknown.

The monsoon is interrupted to the north of Amoy.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 1.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 1.18 inches, against an average of 5.18 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast.

Formosa Channel. N.E. winds, strong, moderating; fine to cloudy.
South coast of China between T.K. & Lamocks. fine to cloudy.
Hongkong. fine to cloudy.
Gap Rock. fine to cloudy.
South coast of China. fine to cloudy.
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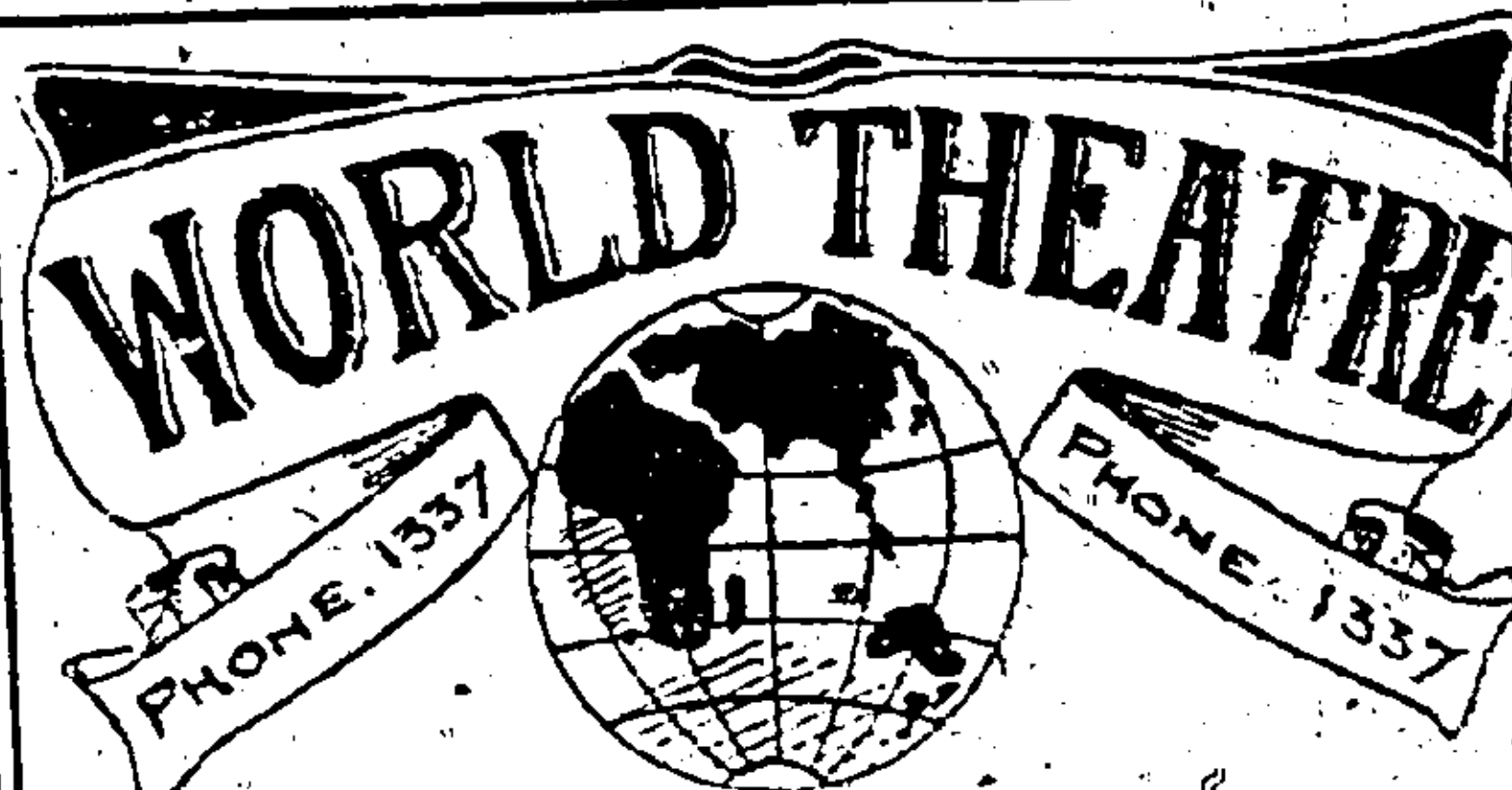
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